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SUBJECT: LUXEMBOURG VIEWS ON JULY 23 EC FOREIGN
MINISTERS MEETING

REF: LUXEMBOURG 555 (NOTAL) AND STATE 146168 (NOTAL)

1. IN THE ABSENCE ON HOLIDAY OF FOREIGN MINISTER THORN
I SAW PAUL HELMINGER, POLITICAL OFFICER, MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WHO ATTENDED EC FOREIGN MINISTERS
MEETING, ON AUGUST 1. HELMINGER EXPLAINED THAT EC
FOREIGN MINISTERS WERE IN AGREEMENT THAT EC MUST SEPARATE
THE SHORT-TERM CONSIDERATIONS INVOLVED IN PREPARING FOR
PRESIDENT NIXON'S VISIT FROM THE LONG-RUN CONSIDERATIONS
OF DEFINING AN EUROPEAN IDENTITY AND EUROPE'S
RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.S.

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2. EC FOREIGN MINISTERS THEREFORE AGREED TO ASK POLITICAL COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP TO PREPARE A LIST OF QUESTIONS WHICH EUROPEANS WOULD POSE TO PRESIDENT NIXON AS FIRST STEP IN EXERCISE TO DEFINE EC-U.S. RELATIONS. EC MEETING WITH PRESIDENT NIXON WOULD "LAUNCH" RATHER THAN CONCLUDE "A YEAR OF EUROPE." HELMINGER SAID THAT THERE WAS WIDESPREAD FEELING AMONG EC FOREIGN MINISTERS THAT DOCUMENT AGREED TO DURING PRESIDENT NIXON'S VISIT THIS YEAR COULD SET A FRAMEWORK FOR EC-U.S. DIALOGUE ALONG LINES OF KISSINGER'S RECOMMENDATIONS. FINAL DOCUMENT, POSSIBLY IN FORM OF A DECLARATION, COULD THEN BE PREPARED BY 1974 AT CONCLUSION OF "THE YEAR OF EUROPE."

3. HELMINGER SAID THAT THE JOB OF DEFINING EUROPEAN IDENTITY CAN NOT BE DECIDED IN A HURRY AND CERTAINLY NOT THIS WINTER. HE ADDED A HOPE THAT THE U.S. WOULD NOT PRESSURE THE EC TO RUSH THIS EXERCISE SINCE THE EC COUNTRIES ALL AGREED THAT PROCESS MUST BE SURE IF SLOW. FARKAS

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